

SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

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ADOPTED MINUTES

Wednesday January 27th 2011, 2:00pm, Fitchburg DNR Facilities, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI

- 1) Harvey Kubly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- 2) Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum:

Commission members present for all or part of the meeting:			
Dane	Jim Haefs-Flemming		X
	Judy Olson	Secretary	
	Paul Ziehli	Vice Chair	X
Green	Harvey Kubly	Chair	X
	Oscar Olson	Treasurer	X
	Ron Wolter		X

Others present for all or part of the meeting:	
Amy Seebth	SCWRTC Administrator & SWWRPC
Sheri Walz and Ethan Johnson	WDOT
Dana White-Quam	WDNR
Devon Piernot	SWWRPC

- 3) Certification of Public Notice – Seebth
- 4) Motion approving the Agenda, prepared by Seebth- Olson/ Wolter – Passed Unanimously
- 5) Motion approving the draft October Minutes - Wolter / Haefs-Flemming - Passed Unanimously
- 6) Public Comment – Johnson and Walz from DOT Rails and Harbors introduced themselves, as did Piernot from SWWRPC. Johnson added that the draft Rail Plan is still on the WDOT website but that the project itself is placed on hold this time. Commissioners can visit the Plan at: <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/projects/state/railplan.htm> or ask Johnson for a paper copy.
- 7) Correspondence & Communications – None.

REPORTS & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 8) SCWRTC Financial Report – Oscar Olson, SCWRTC Treasurer, distributed copies of the Treasurer’s Report and provided an overview.
 - Motion approving the January Treasurer’s Report - Ziehli / Wolter - Passed Unanimously
 - Motion approving payment of Bills – Wolter / Ziehli - Passed Unanimously
- 9) SCWRTC Administrator’s Report- Seebth had no report.
- 10) WisDOT – Walz and Johnson reported that the DOT FRIIP and FRPP grant and loan applications are due February 1st. They are not yet sure how many applications to expect, but they believe the same level of funding will be available for the next two years. Even though funding has gone up for these programs in recent years, they still are not able to fund all of the FRPP applications. FRIIP still has funding available.
- 11) DNR Report – Dana White-Quam, Wisconsin DNR Regional Park Specialist reported to the Commission on the Badger Trail development. She reported that the northern segment is nearly complete with some minor punch list items needing to be completed this spring (such as putting in a kiosk and some signage). The Trail is being heavily used already, people are hiking on it. The intention has been to plow the trail, but that is not being implemented yet because plowing is not yet in the budget.
- 12) Approval of the 2011 SCWRTC Budget – Olson / Wolter – Passed Unanimously

Adopted SCWRTC 2011 Budget	
Projected Expenses	
SWWRPC - Staff Services	\$4,400.00
Kramer & Brownlee - Legal Services	\$1,500.00
Johnson Block – 2009 Audit	\$1,100.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
Total	\$7,200.00

Projected Revenue	
IL DNR Reimbursement for Taxes Paid	?
Stephenson County Reimbursement for Taxes Paid	?
Total	Possibly \$12,844.91

13) Motion to enter into an agreement with Johnson Block for 2010 SCWRTC Audit Report – Olson / Wolter - Passed Unanimously

14) Motion to enter into a 2011 Staff Services agreement with SWWRPC – Ziehli / Haefs-Flemming - Passed Unanimously

15) Update on IL Tax Issue – Seeboth gave a background to the Commissioners on this issue and brought a letter for them to review. The Commission decided to take the following action and to decide in April whether more parties should be contacted.

- **Motion to have Seeboth send a letter via registered mail to the IDNR and Stephenson County, unregistered to Friends of the Trail and City of Freeport, IL, requesting payment of \$12,844.91 by June 1st, 2011, or the SCWRTC will “take action to begin enforcing a breach of the contract.” For every month from 30 days from the last bill being sent, accrue interest on the bill and re-send this letter monthly to all recipients with updated information until payment is made. – Olson / Haefs-Flemming –Passed Unanimously**

16) Miscellaneous Trail Discussion – White-Quam said that the DNR expects good revenue on the northern portion of the trail. Kevin Swenson is taking over that portion and Steve Johnston and Brad Bates will have the entire gravel portion under their watch. White-Quam said that she will remain the Commission’s primary contact for the Trail.

17) 3:34 pm Adjournment – Wolter / Ziehli - Passed Unanimously